# Analyzing and Understanding America's Foreign Policy Decisions and Strategies Throughout the Bosnian War

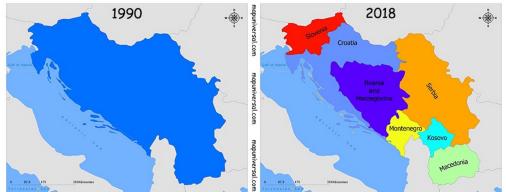
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#### **Overview**

- Evolution of America's foreign policy
- Key factors which influenced the transition
- Examine interplay between international commitments and domestic concerns
- Result of evolution in policy
- Application of findings

## Background / Context

- Yugoslav politics
- Escalating tension among ethnic groups
- Vote for independence in Bosnia



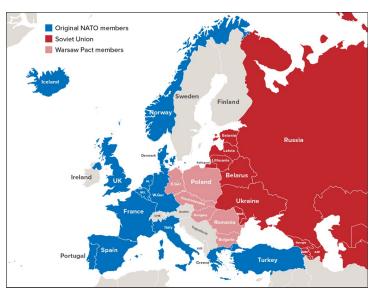
### Initial Policy of the U.S.

- Reluctant to get involved
- Backroom diplomatic talks
- Broad statements condemning violence
- Was not acknowledged as an urgent matter



## **Key Factors**

- Ineffective initial policies
- Mounting pressure to end the conflict
- Value of NATO to the U.S.
- Commitment to keeping U.S. troops out of conflict



#### International Commitments & Domestic Concerns

- NATO alliance
- Perception of administration domestically



# **Application of Findings**

• Rwandan Genocide

# **Result of Policy Transition**

- Position of leadership
- Dayton Accords

#### Resources

- News articles
- Think tank articles
- Journal articles
- Encyclopedia
- Presidential documents archive
- Books